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Dear Sir:

In the Specification

(1) Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6 line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIGURE 1 depicts a system according to the present invention adapted to perform the method of the present invention ~~1A illustrates one embodiment of Key-Tables according to the present invention, and Figures 1B and 1C illustrate how offsets are derived from Key-Tables~~;

(2) Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6 line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIGURE 2 is one algorithm of the present invention. ~~2A-2C illustrate one embodiment of Variable-Exchange-Tables that may be used according to the present invention;~~